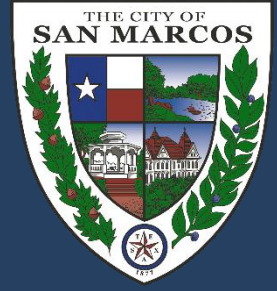


Parks & Recreation Volunteer Newsletter



We hope that you had a wonderful winter break! With the spring quickly approaching, our team is gearing up for a busy season full of exciting events. We appreciate your interest in volunteering with us and hope that you will join us at some of our upcoming events! As San Marcos grows larger every day, we are doing what we can to provide new programs for our community, and that means a larger need for volunteers.



Below you will find a list of current opportunities for the spring and summer seasons. If you are interested in volunteering, simply **click on the link** within the event title and follow the instructions. **Please note that volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Anyone ages 14-17 wishing to volunteer may do so if a parent/guardian volunteers with them.** Should you have any questions or if you would like to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Catherine Marler at cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov.

Special Events

Party in Your Park

[Children's Park](#) – March 1, 2019 [Swift Memorial Park](#) – May 17, 2019 [Dunbar Park](#) – August 23, 2019

Party in Your Park is a series of events held four times a year. This series is designed to highlight the many city parks that are located in our San Marcos neighborhoods! Volunteers will help set up for the event, manage and monitor the games, and keep the kids engaged. We will also need assistance with serving snacks and refreshments to our guests.

[Golden Sweethearts Ball](#) – February 8, 2019

Volunteer duties will include welcoming participants, serving food, mingling with participants, and clean up.

[You\(th\) Can Do It! Pageant](#) – March 29, 2019

The You(th) Can Do It! Pageant is for youth ages 4-17 with special needs. We need volunteers to assist with the pageant on March 29th. Volunteers will help with lining participants up, ushering them to and from the dressing room, greeting the public, and event set up/clean up.

Spring Carnival Prep Week – April 15-17, 2019

There's a lot of work that goes into the Spring Carnival and we could always use some extra hands! We need assistance with sorting decorations, creating signage, and organizing games.

Farmer Fred's Garden Spring Carnival – April 18, 2019

This annual family favorite is back again, complete with 30+ games, free candy and prizes, bunny pictures, and an egg hunt, just to name a few. There are several opportunities to help out with at this event, including setup/take down, running game booths, prize patrol, bag hand out, bunny pictures, etc.

Dances for Adults with Disabilities

Sweethearts Dance – February 15, 2019 **Prom Dance** – April 12, 2019 **Luau Dance** – June 21, 2019

Western Dance – August 30, 2019

Adults ages 18+ gather at the San Marcos Activity Center every other month for a night of friends, music, and dancing. Welcoming participants, selling concessions, mingling with participants, and clean-up will be the duties involved.

Miss Beautiful Pageant & Rehearsal – June 6 & 7, 2019

The Miss Beautiful Pageant is for female adults with disabilities. We need volunteers to assist with the full dress rehearsal on June 6 and with the pageant on June 7. We need volunteers to help with lining participants up, ushering them to and from the dressing room, greeting the public, and with set up/clean up.

Daddy Daughter Dance – June 14, 2019

Young ladies age 1 year and older, along with their father figures, are invited for an evening of music, dancing, treats, tiaras and keepsakes. This heart-warming event draws over 300 attendees and just keeps growing! We need volunteers to help greet our special guests, serve refreshments, run our photo booth and facilitate our arts and crafts area.

SummerFest – July 4, 2019

SummerFest is the City of San Marcos' annual 4th of July celebration which consists of live music, vendors, and fireworks! Volunteers are need to help set up, assist with the costume contest and parade, assist with eco stations, assist with parking lot duty, and with clean up.

Boys and Their Toys – July 12, 2019

Our first ever Boys and Their Toys event is an exciting evening for fathers or father-figures and their sons. Volunteers will assist with event set up, check-in, overseeing activities, snacks, and clean up.

Ongoing Opportunities

Homeschool Enrichment and PE Instructors

We are searching for Texas State students that would be interested in gaining first-hand experience teaching elementary, middle school and high school age kids once or twice a month. We are able to send a subject for you to create a lesson plan, or you could teach what you are passionate about. We have space available to teach a core subject or enrichment activity on Wednesdays and physical activity on Fridays. If you are interested, please contact Catherine Marler at cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov.

50+ Program Volunteers

Senior Citizen Program Coordinator, Nick Riali, is looking for a dedicated individual or organization to assist with weekly senior programs. Programs include Game Day, Pickleball, Bingo, and SMASH Socials. This commitment would include 5-10 hours per week of **volunteer** work. This is a great opportunity to gain work experience and learn more about creating, marketing and running programs. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Nick Riali at nriali@sanmarcostx.gov.

Hot Spot Clean Ups

Keep San Marcos Beautiful and the Habitat Conservation Plan partner the first Saturday of the month at 9 AM to clean up areas that affect the San Marcos River. Locations will be determined on the litter pick up need. If you would like to be notified of the Hot Spot Clean Up, please email: akirwin@sanmarcostx.gov

Friends of Trees

Our trees do more than just look beautiful. Trees clean our air, prevent erosion, absorb runoff, provide shade, save energy, and create healthier communities. Give 2-3 hours of service to provide some *tree loving care* (TLC) to help keep our public trees healthy and strong. Some tools will be provided. Please reserve your spot by contacting Kelly Eby at keby@sanmarcostx.gov or registering below.

March 8, Children's Park, 213 S CM Allen Pkwy

Register here: <https://www.volunteermark.com/smtx/friends-of-trees-childrens-park>

April 19th, Discovery Center, 430 Riverside

Register here: <https://www.volunteermark.com/smtx/friends-of-trees-discovery-center>

May 17th, Anita Reyes Park, 115 Lockwood street

Register here: <https://www.volunteermark.com/smtx/friends-of-trees-anita-reyes-park>

For additional opportunities volunteering with our special events and senior programs, please contact Jennifer Mach at jmach@sanmarcostx.gov or at 512.393.8413

For additional opportunities volunteering with our youth events and programs, please contact Catherine Marler at cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov or 512.393.8249

